

**VAN BUREN: Dowagiac R. and tributaries** above 50th St. and Lake of Woods outlet to confluence of Dowagiac R. open to spears, bow and arrow, and hand net. **Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lks.**, carp may be speared May 1-Aug 15; closed to all other spearing.

**WASHTENAW: Huron R.** from Mast Rd. Bridge in Dexter (T1S, R5E, Sec. 32) downstream to Delhi Rd. Bridge (T2S, R5E, Sec. 2) catch and release only on largemouth and smallmouth bass.

**Horseshoe L.** largemouth bass possession limit is 1, minimum size is 14"; northern pike possession limit is 1, sunfish (Note 5 p.9) possession limit is 10.

**WAYNE: Huron R.** from Belleville Dam downstream to mouth closed to dip netting.

## Common Terms

**Artificial Fly** means any commonly accepted single hook wet and dry flies, streamers, and nymphs without spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. The fly or leader may be weighted but no weight shall be attached to the fly or to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook.

**Artificial Lure** means a manmade lure manufactured to imitate natural bait. Artificial lures include spoons, spinners and plugs made of metal, plastic, wood and other non-edible materials. They also include plastic products made to resemble worms, eggs, fish and other aquatic organisms.

**Cast Net** means a net not exceeding eight feet in diameter without walls or sides that is thrown to take minnows, alewives, smelt and shad in the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

**Daily Limit** means the total number of fish, amphibians or reptiles that you are permitted to catch and keep in one day. Also see Possession Limit.

**Designated Trout Lake** means any lake so designated by the State in which trout are the predominant game fish (Ask for FO-200) and **Designated Trout Stream** means any stream so designated by the State that contains a significant population of trout or salmon (Ask for FO-210). You must have an all species license to fish these waters.

**Detroit R.** begins at the imaginary line extending due South of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County and ends at the imaginary East-West line drawn through the most southerly point of Celeron Island.

**Dropper Line** A line in addition to the main fishing line, that contains a hook. Dropper lines are usually attached to the main line.

**FO** is a Fisheries Order issued by the DNR Director that implements fishing regulations. FO's can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**Great Lakes Connecting Waters** means specific bodies of water in Michigan that connect the Great Lakes. Designated connecting waters are L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R. (St. Clair R. begins at the Ft. Gratiot light) and the Detroit R.

**Hand and Landing Net** means a mesh bag of webbing or wire, suspended from a circular, oval or rectangular frame attached to a handle. These are the most common fishing nets used in Michigan.

**Hook** means a single, double or treble pointed hook. A hook, single, double or treble pointed and attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be counted as 1 hook.

**Inland Waters** means all waters in Michigan except the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes connecting waters.

**Minnows** are chubs, shiners, dace, stonerollers, sculpins (muddlers), mudminnows and suckers of a size used for bait in "hook and line" fishing. See page 5.

**Possession Limit** is equal to the Daily Limit. Except a person may possess up to two (2) additional limits of coho, chinook, or pink salmon taken during previous fishing days provided that the additional limits are processed fish (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen). Anglers who have not attained the age of 17 are entitled to the possession limit even though they do not have a fishing license. A person fishing waters bordered by other states or provinces AND possessing multiple fishing licenses may possess the limit allowed for ONLY ONE license while in transit, but while fishing in Michigan waters, must comply with Michigan possession and size limits.

**Snagging** means attempting to take fish in a manner that the fish does not take the hook voluntarily in its mouth. It is unlawful to snag fish.

**Trapping** means to catch or take by use of a device, such as a cage or net, designed to capture a fish or animal.

**Weir** means a fence or enclosure set in water to block or retain fish.